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SUBJECT: MURDER OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN

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1. TURKISH PRESS JUNE 10 GAVE PROMINENCE TO ASSASSINATION OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN, TAHAN CARIM. REPORTS NOTED THAT IN MARCH AMBASSADOR CARIM HAD RECEIVED A THREATENING LETTER FROM A SECRET ARMENIAN ORGANIZATION WHICH DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF SOME UNSPECIFIED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN TURKEY. THE REPORTS CONTINUED THAT THE BEIRUT OFFICE OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO CLAIMED THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE" ORGANIZATION.

2. JUNE 10 EDITORIAL IN DAILY BARIS CLAIMED THAT ACTS SUCH AS CARIM'S KILLING CONSTITUTE ATTACKS ON THE TURKISH STATE. THE EDITORIAL COMMENTED THAT TURKEY'S WEAKENED INTERNAL SITUATION INVITES SUCH ATROCITIES, EVEN THOUGH THE CULPRITS RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO ACTING AGAINST TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

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3. COMMENT: BEGINNING WITH THE MURDER OF TWO TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN LOS ANGELES BY AN ARMENIAN IN EARLY 1973, TURKEY HAS SUFFERED SIX ASSASSINATIONS OF ITS FOREIGN

REPRESENTATIVES IN SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FOUR YEARS. FIVE OF THE SIX HAVE BEEN ALLEGEDLY CONNECTED TO ARMENIANS. IN ADDITION, "CREDIT" FOR THE BOMBINGS AT ISTANBUL'S AIRPORT AND RAILWAY STATION MAY 29, WHICH KILLED SIX PERSONS (ANKARA 4197), WAS CLAIMED BY AN ARMENIAN ORGANIZATION. WHILE PERHAPS IT CANNOT YET BE CALLED A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR TURKEY, ARMENIAN TERRORISM CLEARLY IS BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS MATTER, WITH THE POTENTIAL TO GO BEYOND THE QUESTION OF SECURITY FOR DIPLOMATS. THE GOT'S LONG-STANDING SENSITIVITY TO ANY INDICATION OF FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR ARMENIAN ANTI-TURKISH ACTIVITIES IS LIKELY TO BE HEIGHTENED.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY SENT A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FONMIN. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER TRANSMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FROM THE SECRETARY.
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